Regional news bulletin from DDK, PANAJI

349. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati is proposing to telecast a regional news bulletin from Doordarshan Kendra, Panaji, Goa;

(b) if so, the details of the preparations including the appointment of the staff required for the purpose; and

(c) by when the bulletin is likely to be telecast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA) : (a) No, Sir, Prasar Bharati have informed that there is no proposal with them to telecast the regional news bulletin from Doordarshan Kendra, Panaji, Goa.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Draft content code

350. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the proposed Draft Content Code, 2008; and

(b) whether there is any time bound agenda for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA) : (a) The Government had constituted a committee for reviewing the Programme and Advertising Code (Content Code) prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder, which has submitted its report and made recommendations in the form of draft uSelf-regulation Guidelines for the broadcasting sector (2008)u. Government is in the process of holding consultations with all concerned stakeholders to arrive at broad consensus on the recommendations of the Committee. The process of consultation is going on.

(b) No, Sir.

Operational TV channels

351. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of television channels operational in the country;

(b) the number of channels telecasting news; and

(c) the number of channels received investment from foreigners?